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For: CANAL HEARING DEVICE WITH  
TUBULAR INSERT

Conformation No.: 4013

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Art Unit: 2627

**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN  
STATUS FROM SMALL ENTITY TO  
LARGE ENTITY PURSUANT TO 37  
CFR §1.27(g)(2)**

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Sir:

Applicants are no longer entitled to claim small entity status, and therefore respectfully request that the entity status be changed to large entity for the above-referenced patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or to cover any additional deficiencies relating to this application, or credit any overpayment to deposit account 20-1430.

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